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R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

VICTORIA, B. C., 9th February, 1880.

The Grand Lodge opened this morning, at 11 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall. Present:

C. Gowen	M. W. Grand Master.
J. Wriglesworth	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
R. Roberts, (*pro tem.*)	R. W. Grand Warden
J. D. Robinson	R. W. Grand Secretary.
H. Waller	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
M. J. Goode	W. Grand Marshall.
W. F. Archibald	W. Grand Guardian.
Joseph Sears	W. Grand Herald.
Thos. J Partridge	W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, whereupon the Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2,
W. D. McKillican, of No. 4,
F. Carne, of No. 1.

Credentials of members was read and referred to Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows:

VICTORIA, 9th February, 1880.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that we have examined the credentials of members and report as follows:

T. J. Partridge,	F. Carne,
J. Davies,	R. Roberts,
J. Sehl,	D. Dale,
J. Weiler,	C. Gowen,
J. D. Robinson,	A. Phillips,
J. M. Read,	G. W. Anderson,

Of No. 1.

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M. Humber,
F. Norris,
W. J. Jeffree,
R. W. Fawcett,

H. Waller,
W. F. Archibald,
Jos. Sears,
J. P. Goodhue,

Of No. 2.

H. Elliott,
W. McColl,

C. N. Trew,
B. W. Shiles,

Of No. 3.

E. Fletcher,
Jos. Wriglesworth,
M. J. Goode,

W. D. McKillican,
Charles Todd,

Of No. 4,

Are duly accredited Representatives. That—

J. S. Drummond,
E. C. Holden,
C. Hayward,
S. T. Styles,
J. Gosnell,
R. Albertstone,

Chs. Hegele,
W. H. Huxtable,
J. York,
H. Gribble,
E. Fawcett,

Of No. 1.

James Fell,
John H. Meldram,
A. B. Gray,
Michael Young,

Louis Vigelius,
Wm. Harrison,
George H. Maynard,

Of No. 2.

Wm. J. Armstrong,
A. Ewen,
J. Morey,
L. F. Bonson,
J. W. Howieson,

J. T. Scott,
W. R Lewis,
G. Turner,
Wm. Lister,
W. B. Tait,

Of No. 3.

Thos. Shotbolt,
H. Smith,

J. Batchelor,
A. Gray,

Of No. 4,

Are entitled to Seats. And—

George Williams, P. J. Hall, ... Of No. 1.

Michael Young, Fred. Norris, ... Of No. 2,

Walter Walker, P. A. Babbington, ... Of No. 4,

Are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree.

We have to report no returns whatever from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. P. GOODHUE,
W. D. McKILLICAN,
F. CARNE.

Moved by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

The Grand Marshall was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in attendance, and the G. L. Degree was conferred on

P. J. Hall, of No. 1,
P. A. Babbington, of No. 4.

The report of the Grand Master was then read, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia:

Brothers and Representatives.—By permission and blessing of the Supreme Grand Master we meet here to-day, being the Sixth Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to transact the business of the different Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and such other matters as may be brought before us in the interest and for the prosperity of our beloved Order.

My Brethren, another year has past and gone since our last Communication, and we should not forget to return thanks to the Almighty for his many blessings bestowed upon us, and for the continued prosperity of our Order in this Province. The past year has been one of great moment in our beloved Order, especially in this city. It is with deep regret that I have to record the demise of our worthy Brother J. P Davies, Past Grand Master, who died very suddenly on the 20th of September last, and was buried on the following day. I therefore caused a notice to be placed on the bulletin board requesting the Grand Lodge to appear in a body to attend the funeral of our deceased Brother.

I have to congratulate the different Lodges in this city on the rapid strides they have made in erecting their new Hall, and I trust we may never hear the sound of an angry or unkind word within its walls.

You are aware of the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which at its last session changed its name to that of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and also with regard to members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, whose names are now to be kept in a separate book and to be called Dormant Odd Fellows I hope at the next Communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge this law will be repealed, as in my opinion it is of no benefit to the Order generally, and will only induce unworthy members to try and be reinstated into their different Lodges, as it only requires a majority vote to be reinstated. I therefore would recommend you to take such action as you may deem fit with regard to the re-admission of such members My official acts during the year, as follows:

March 17, I issued a Proclamation to all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary on the 26th or 28th of April according as they might choose.

With the R. W. Grand Officers I visited the Lodges in this City officially on the following dates: April 14, Victoria Lodge, No. 1; April 16, Columbia Lodge, No. 2; April 17, Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

April 28, Laid the Corner Stone of the new Hall on Douglas Street, to be erected by the three Lodges in this City, with appropriate ceremony.

July 2, Installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

July 3, Installed the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

July 7, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

July 8, Accompanied by the R. W. Grand Officers, I proceeded to New Westminster and installed the Officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. The Brethren there received us in their usual kind manner. I found them working harmoniously together for the good of the Order.

September 8, With the R. W. Grand Officers visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1, officially. An initiation taking place the same evening the Grand Officers were kindly invited to exemplify the work by initiating the candidate. The invitation was accepted, and the Grand Officers performed the initiatory ceremony.

October 6, Granted a dispensation to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, to hold a ball and supper and to appear in Regalia at the same under the usual restrictions.

October 10, Proceeded to Nanaimo accompanied by the R. W. Grand Officers. We were kindly received by the Brethren and entertained during our stay.

October 11, Dedicated the Hall built by Black Diamond Lodge on their own property, which is a credit to such a young Lodge, and will no doubt prove a profitable investment. Here we found the Order in a healthy condition and working well.

January 5, 1880, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, into their respective chairs.

January 7, Myself and the Deputy Grand Master being unable to attend, the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, were installed by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

January 8, Installed the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

January 31, Received a communication from Eureka Lodge, No. 13, Dakota Territory, appealing for aid to assist them in rebuilding their Hall. Taking into consideration all the circumstances I did not deem it advisable to forward the communication to the subordinate Lodges.

Also the same date a communication from the Grand Lodge of Florida, appealing for aid in favor of erecting a home for the proper treatment of unfortunate Brothers who might visit their Jurisdiction, which I forwarded to the different Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

I have received encouraging reports from the District Deputies of No. 1 and 2 Districts which are submitted, and regret very much that no report has reached me from District Deputy Norris of No. 3 District.

The decision of Bro. Todd, District Deputy of No. 1, which is given in his report, I approve.

The decision given by Bro. Trew, of District No. 2, which you will find in his report, does not properly answer the question put to him by New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. A widow or family of a deceased Brother being entitled to the funeral benefits to be paid by the Lodge at his death, if no expense is incurred. (See White's Digest, Sections 196 and 197.)

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of thanking the Officers who have worked so willingly and faithfully with me through the year. Also to the Brothers throughout the Jurisdiction for the many courtesies extended to us while visiting the different Lodges. I hope that perfect harmony may prevail through all our deliberations, and that our acts may prove to be for the welfare of the Brothers in this Jurisdiction.

I remain in F. L. and T.,

Yours fraternally,

CHS. GOWEN,

Grand Master.

Moved by Grand Treasurer, "That a committee of three be appointed to distribute subjects in the report to the different Standing Committees." Seconded by Deputy Grand Master, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Rep. McKillican, of No. 4,
" Shiles, of No. 3,
" Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1.

Report of Grand Secretary read.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
VICTORIA, B. C., 9th February, 1880.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I beg to submit the following report of the business of this office for the year, viz:

Whole number of Lodges are	5
Number of members in good standing	509
Initiated during the year	34
Admitted by Card	5
Reinstated to Active membership	4
Reinstated to Dormant membership	122
Withdrawn by Card	4
Suspended for cause	0
Expelled	1
Rejected	2
Deceased	7
Suspended from Active to Dormant membership	18
Number of Past Grands	72
Amount of annual receipts	$10,165 53
Amount of current expenses of Lodges	3,833 49
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	297

Balance Sheet Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., 9th February, 1880.

Folio.	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
10	Stock Account	$211 69	
23	Grand Treasurer	168 33	
25	Sundry persons	5 25	
35	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	13 00	
39	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	21 70	
41	Profit and Loss		609 47
43	Furniture and Regalia	189 50	
		$609 47	$609 47

Amount of Cash received during the year.

For Supplies:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$18 00	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	12 75	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	1 25	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	8 50	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	8 50	
Sundry Persons	3 75	
		$52 75
For Tax Term ending 30th June, 1879:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	111 15	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	83 20	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	44 85	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	48 10	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	39 65	
		326 95
For Tax Term ending 31st Dec., 1879:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	62 30	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	44 45	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	24 50	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	25 90	
		157 15
Whole amount of Cash received and paid over to R. W. Grand Treasurer		$536 85

Amount of Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer.

1879.					
Feb'y 13th—	Order No.	1,	favor of	J. A. Cridge, for services,	$10 00
"	"	2,	"	A. Rutherford "	5 00
"	"	3,	"	B. W. Shiles, mileage	20 00
"	"	4,	"	H. Elliott, "	20 00
March 5th,	"	5,	"	G.L.U.S., supplies and exchange,	51 00
April 3rd,	"	6,	"	G. S., Express chgs and duty	9 75
July 3rd,	"	7,	"	McMillan & Son, printing Proceedings,	70 00
"	"	8,	"	Hayward & Jenkinson, gavel and baton	3 50
1880.					
Jan'y 30th,	"	9,	"	G. S., acct. McMillan & Son, for Receipt Book	6 00
31st,	"	10,	"	do., rent P. O. box, postage, etc.	9 75
"	"	11,	"	do., salary,	250 00
Feb'y 6th,	"	12,	"	do., bal. due for Books of Forms.	27 20
					$ 482 20

SUMMARY.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report	113 68
Total amount of Cash received	536 85
	$ 650 53
Less Orders drawn,	482 20
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of	$ 168 33

AMOUNTS DUE GRAND LODGE.

New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, for supplies	$ 13 00
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Representative Tax	21 70
Sundry Persons, accounts for supplies	5 25
	$ 39 95

STOCK ACCOUNT.

		Dr.	Cr.
Stock on hand at last report		$177 35	
PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR:			
100 Books of Forms	$84 75		
1 Lodge Receipt Book	6 00		
		90 75	
Profit on sales made during the year		13 34	
SOLD DURING THE YEAR:			
20 Books Forms, @ $1 25	$25 00		
2 White's Digest, 1874, @ $3 50 and $4 00	7 50		
2 Initiatory Charge Books, @ $3 00	6 00		
2 Order Books on Treasurer, @ $6 50	13 00		
1 Lodge Receipt Book	6 50		
20 Visiting Cards, @ 25 cts	5 00		
6 Withdrawal Cards, @ 25 cts	1 50		
50 Odes, @ 10 cts	5 00		
Orders for P. W	0 25		
			69 75

STOCK STILL ON HAND:			
2 Books Forms, (old)	$ 2 00		
80 " " (new)	68 00		
6 Books Odes, with music, @ 65 cts	3 90		
400 Initiation Petitions	4 00		
2 Order Books on Treasurer, @ $5 00	10 00		
6 Initiatory Charge Books, @ $2 60	15 60		
8 Degree Books, @ $2 60	20 80		
4 Rebekah Books, @ $2 60	10 40		
125 Lodge Odes, @ 7 cts	8 75		
50 Diplomas, @ 65 cts	32 50		
4 White's Digest, 1874, @ $3 12½	12 50		
3 Officers' Roll Books, @ $2 50	7 50		
30 Visiting Cards, @ 21 cts	6 30		
14 Withdrawal Cards, @ 21 cts	2 94		
25 Dismissal Certificates, @ 21 cts	5 25		
Orders for P. W	1 25		
Being balance to Dr. of said account as per Balance Sheet			211 69
		$281 44	$281 44

NAMES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

With the number of Representatives each is entitled to at the present Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, No 1	12	Representatives.
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	8	"
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	4	"
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	5	"
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	4	"

The returns from Subordinates show a gain of 18 in membership.

The new law passed the Sovereign Grand Lodge regarding dormant members, has brought a return from Subordinate Lodges in this Province of 122, who now stand under that denomination, but I feel convinced that the names of several persons returned in that list, who left the country many years ago, are in all probability dead, for all trace of their whereabouts has been lost.

I received during recess appeal papers in the matter of John Bennett against the action of Dominion Lodge, No 4, which I handed to the Chairman of Committee on Appeals.

I also received an Amendment to By-Laws of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, which I handed to Chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

I have to call your attention to the tax due Sovereign Grand Lodge. One year was remitted, but since then a year has passed, and we stand as owing $75, which I have no authority to pay, and I would ask that some action be taken in the matter.

I received a Circular from Grand Lodge of Missouri regarding a revision of the Ritual of the Degrees, which I attach hereto, for any action you may feel inclined to take.

I also received a few days ago a letter from the R. W. Grand Representative of Ontario, which I also place before you for action.

These are the only communications received that require any action by the Grand Lodge. All the other correspondence has been attended to.

On the 28th April the corner stone of the new Hall was laid by the Grand Master. The following is a copy of the document deposited in the stone:

This building, intended for the use of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of Victoria, the corner stone of which is laid this twenty-eighth day of

April, A. D. 1879, in the 41st year of the reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and in the 61st year of the establishment of the Order on the American Continent, Lord Lorne being Governor General of Canada, A. N. Richards Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and the following gentlemen forming the Government of this Province:

Hon. George A. Walkem, Premier, Attorney General, and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Hon. Thomas B. Humphreys, Provincial Secretary.
Hon. Robert Beaven, Minister of Finance.

The Lodges of the Order in this city are as follows:

Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Walter Walker, Noble Grand; P. A. Babington, Vice-Grand; W. H Dorman, Rec. and Per. Secretary; W. D. McKillican, Treasurer.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Michael Young, Noble Grand; Fred'k. Norris, Vice-Grand; R. W. Fawcett, Recording Secretary; Henry Waller, Treasurer; Joseph Sears, Permanent Secretary.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, George Williams, Noble Grand; Philip J. Hall, Vice-Grand; Fred'k. Davey, Rec. and Per. Secretary; John Weiler, Treasurer.

Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, M. Hart, Chief Patriarch; Joseph Sears, High Priest; James Jackson, Senior Warden; Philip J. Hall, Scribe; Jacob Sehl, Treasurer; John G. Taylor, Junior Warden.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia:
Charles Gowen, Most Worthy Grand Master.
Joseph Wriglesworth, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.
Henry Elliott, Right Worthy Grand Warden.
James D. Robinson, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Henry Waller, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:
John B. Harmon, Most Worthy Grand Sire.
Luther J. Glenn, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire.
James L. Ridgely, Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.
Joshua Vansant, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Theo. A. Ross, Right Worthy Assistant Grand Secretary.

The three Lodges mentioned, viz., Victoria, No. 1, Columbia, No. 2, and Dominion, No. 4, formed an Association called the "Odd Fellows' Union," by electing five Delegates from each Lodge for the purpose of incorporation under the laws of the Province, to acquire land and erect buildings. The Delegates elect are as follows:

Charles Hayward, Thomas Russell, Joseph York, James D. Robinson, George W. Anderson,	From Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
W. J. Jeffree, M. Humber, M. Baker, T. S. Bone, Henry Waller,	From Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

Thomas Shotbolt,
M. J. Goode,
Joseph Wriglesworth,
W. D. McKillican,
Charles Todd,
} From Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

These Delegates elected the following Officers:

W. J. Jeffree, President.
James D. Robinson, Secretary.
Joseph Wriglesworth, Treasurer.

Joseph York,
Thos. S. Bone,
W. D. McKillican,
} Trustees.

The Odd Fellows' Union had plans prepared for the present building by John Teague, Esq., Architect, and tenders called for its erection, and on the 30th day of December, 1878, the contract was awarded to Messrs. Hayward & Jenkinson of this city, who are to complete the same by the 31st October, 1879.

The Corner Stone is this day laid by Charles Gowen, Esq., the Grand Master of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in accordance with the laws and usages of the Order.

The following in addition to this short description of the work are deposited in the stone, viz.:

Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia from formation.
Daily British Colonist, 27th April, 1879.
Daily Standard, 28th April, 1879.
One American Silver Dollar, 1879.
One American Silver 20 Cent piece, 1875.
One Canadian Half Dollar, 1872.
One Canadian Quarter Dollar, 1874.
One Canadian 20 Cent piece, 1858.
One Canadian 10 Cent piece, 1858.
One Canadian 5 Cent piece, 1875.
One English Penny, 1797.
One English Farthing, 1853.

And the Seal of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and the Odd-Fellows' Union attached to this document.

The building is completed, but the furnishing of the Logde Room is not quite finished. It is expected, however, that all will be ready in course of another week.

Annexed I beg to hand you the usual abstracts of Reports of Subordinates, to be appended to proceedings of Session when printed.

In conclusion, Representatives and Brothers, I have to express a hope that this year, which promises to be a prosperous one for the Province in the way of business, may be a good one for our beloved Order also, and that before our next Annual Session several new Lodges may be started on the mainland.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

Office of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Missouri, St. Louis, Sept. 1st, 1879.

Mr. J. D. Robinson, R. W. Grand Secretary R. W. Grand Lodge of B. Columbia:

Dear Sir and Brother,—At the late session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, held in this city in May last, the following action was had:

P. G. Sire Veitch offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the practical experience of years has demonstrated the fact that the five Subordinate Degrees of the Order fail in attractiveness to the membership generally, as is evidenced by the meagre attendance at Degree meetings, and the want of interest in the Degree work by most of those who have received the Degrees: and

Whereas, it is believed that a proper revision of the lectures and ritual of the Degrees, and their reduction from five to three, retaining the present unwritten portion of them, but varied in form, style and matter, would be more impressive, attractive and effective; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Missouri is in favor of a revision of the Subordinate Degrees, and their reduction in number from five to three Degrees, and that our R. W. Grand Representatives are requested to advocate and vote for the same in the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Rep. Grant submitted the following amendment to the preamble and resolution, which was accepted by P. G. Sire Veitch:

That the Grand Lodge of Missouri is also in favor of such change as will have the work in the Subordinate Lodges done in the highest Subordinate Degree.

The preamble and resolution, together with the amendment of Rep. Grant, were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Bullen offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is instructed to forward the resolution introduced by P. G. Sire Veitch, in reference to the Degrees, to the several Grand Lodges, and request their co-operation.

In accordance with instructions, I have the honor of transmitting this Circular, and ask at the hands of your R. W. Grand Lodge a careful consideration of this important matter.

Fraternally,

E. M. SLOAN,
Grand Secretary.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, That this report be also handed to the same Committee appointed on Grand Master's report. Seconded by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1, and carried.

Report read from Grand Treasurer, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

VICTORIA, B. C., February 9th, 1880.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I respectfully submit my report for the year ending the above date.

RECEIPTS.

1879.			
Feb. 10.	To balance Cash received from last Treasurer		$113 [illegible]
1880.			
Feb. 6.	"	Cash received from Grand Secretary	160 [illegible]
"	"	Sundry vouchers as per statement of Grand Secretary	376 [illegible]
			$650 [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS.

1879.				
Feb. 13.	By Order No.	1,	J. A. Cridge	$10 00
"	" "	2,	A. Rutherford	5 00
"	" "	3,	B. W. Shiles	20 00
"	" "	4,	H. Elliott	20 00
March 5.	" "	5,	Grand Secretary	51 00

1880. Feb. 6.	By sundry Orders, Nos. 6 to 12, as per statement of Grand Secretary	376 20	482 20
	To balance on hand		$168 33

Fraternally yours,

H. WALLER,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 2.30, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at 2.30, p.m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Report read from Committee on Distribution as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., February 10th, 1880.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

We, your Committee to distribute the Grand Master's report, would respectfully submit that so much of his report as refers to the granting Dispensations, and also that part respecting Dormant members, we would refer to the Committee on the State of the Order. The Grand Master's official acts and reports of District Deputies, we would refer to Committee on Legislation.

That part of Grand Master s report referring to the death of Bro. P. G. M. Davies, we would recommend that a Committee be appointed to draft a suitable memorial on the death of Bro. P. G. M. Davies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. W. SHILES,
R. ROBERTS,
W. D. McKILLICAN.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON MEMORIAL:

Rep. Weiler, P. G. M., of No. 1.
Rep. Roberts, P. G. M., of No. 1.
Rep. Jeffree, P. G. M., of No. 2.

Report read from Committee on Appeals, as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

VICTORIA, February 9th, 1880.

APPEAL OF BRO. J. BENNETT, OF DOMINION LODGE, No. 4, against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, on charges preferred against him by Bro. M. J. Goode, P. G. of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, by attempting four times in the month of November, 1878, to defraud W. P. Sayward and several others, named in the indictment:

A committee of five Brothers of Dominion Lodge was appointed and proceeded to the trial of Bro. Bennett upon said charges.

Bro. Bennett was found guilty of the charge, and expelled the Lodge; from which action Bro. Bennett appeals on the following grounds:

1. That evidence was allowed, by the Committee who tried the case, of charges not specified in the complaint.

2. That the verdict of the Committee was contrary to the weight of evidence.

3. That the document alleged to be a copy of a statement made by one to the Official Assignee was ex parte evidence, and should not have been received. See White's Digest p. 389.

4. That the evidence was not taken in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 4, Art. 7, of the Constitution, and the record of the proceedings does not show that the witnesses, if members of the Order, gave their evidence on the honor of an Odd Fellow, or if not members, on oath or affirmation.

5. That evidence was rejected, tendered on my behalf, to show animus of prosecution.

6. That the vote on the penalty was illegally taken, as all the different orders of punishment being before the Lodge at the same time the order for expulsion was kept open for several ballots. On the first ballot a majority did not vote for expulsion, and not until several ballots were taken was majority vote for expulsion obtained. See White's Digest. 648.

After reviewing the case we find—

1. That Mr. D. McNaughton gave evidence on an offence alleged to have been committed about Feb. 25th, 1879, which was three months subsequent to the date of the offence with which he (the Appellant was charged.

2. The documents before your Committee do not show if Mr. McNaughton is a member of the Order, or if an oath or obligation of any sort was administered to him before receiving his evidence The same objection in the case of all the other witnesses. See Constitution Sub. Lodge, Sec. 4.

3. That the other witnesses do not appear to have any complaint against Bro. Bennett.

4. Your Committee agree with the Appellant that a person charged with an offence should not be compelled to criminate himself, and that ex parte statements should not be taken except in support or confirmation of other evidence.

5. Bro. Bennett had an opportunity, we presume, of objecting at the time to the appointing of a new member on the Trial Committee, of which he should have availed himself.

6. That the ballot was illegally taken, as penalty of expulsion ought to have been dropped after the first ballot. If as stated by the Appellant, we have nothing to show on the documents.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained.

R. ROBERTS.
THOS. SHOTBOLT.
JOSEPH SEARS.
JOHN H. MELDRAM.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the case be referred back to the Lodge for new trial. Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4.

On the amendment being put to the vote, it was carried.

The Grand Master made the following appointments to fill vacancies in Standing Committees:

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER:

Rep. Partridge, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION:

Rep. Davies, of No. 1,
Rep. Todd, of No. 4, Rep. Waller, of No. 2,
Rep. Carne, of No. 1, Rep. Phillips, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

Rep. Read, of No. 1. Rep. Sears, of No. 2.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates report that they have examined the amendments to the By-Laws of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, referred to them, and would report as follows:

As regards the change of the night of meeting, this Committee feel that they have no jurisdiction over Black Diamond Lodge as to which night in the week that Lodge should meet, provided that that Lodge meets once a week, and twenty-six nights service be completed in any term.

The Committee would recommend the adoption of the alteration of a portion of Article XV. of the By-Laws of that Lodge, viz: "For admission by deposit of card as an Ancient Odd Fellow, or for non-affiliated if under 45 years of age $20, and $2 for each additional year."

E. FLETCHER,
A. PHILLIPS,
JOHN M. READ,
M. J. GOODE,
JOSEPH SEARS.

Victoria, Feb. 9th, 1880.

Moved by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1. That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Legislation, as follows:

Victoria, Feb. 9th, 1880.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Legislation beg leave to report that they have examined the whole of that portion of the Grand Master's report referring to his official acts, and would recommend the adoption of the same by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
H. WALLER,
C. TODD,
F. CARNE,
A. PHILLIPS.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Shiles, of No. 3, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Finance, as follows:

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 9, 1880.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Finance having examined the report of the Treasurer and the financial portion of the Grand Secretary's report, together with books, papers and vouchers, beg most respectfully to state that they have found the same correct.

W. J. JEFFREE,
B. W. SHILES,
W. D. McKILLICAN.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Sears, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1, That a Committee of seven be appointed to examine and report on a scale of benefits for Subordinates, taking up the notice of motion given last session by Rep. Hayward and laid over for one year—said Committee to report at this evening session. Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Rep. Partridge and Rep. Davies, of No. 1,
Rep. Jeffree, P.G.M., and Rep. Waller, of No. 2,
Rep. McKillican and Rep. Todd, of No. 4,
Rep. Shiles, of No. 3.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order, as follows:

VICTORIA, Feb. 9th, 1880.

To the R W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's report which refers to the granting of a dispensation to appear in regalia, would recommend that the same be approved.

Your Committee is also fully in accord with the opinion of the M.W.G.M. with reference to Dormant Members, and recommend that this Grand Lodge pass a motion to the following effect:

"That this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in reinstating to Dormant Membership those Brothers of the Order who had ceased membership for non-payment of dues, is not conducive to the good working of the Order in this Jurisdiction, and that the fee to place a dormant member in active membership be as follows: That if a member is placed on the dormant list from one month to three months, then the fee, in addition to the amount of his indebtedness, be not less than five dollars; if from three to six months, ten dollars; if from six months to twelve months, twenty dollars; if over one year, the fee shall be not less than fifty dollars; and all applications for restoration from dormant to active membership shall be accompanied by a doctor's certificate of health."

JOHN WEILER,
JOSHUA DAVIES,
THOS. J. PARTRIDGE.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Todd, of No. 4, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Distribution, as follows:

VICTORIA, Feb. 9th, 1880.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that the communication contained in the Grand Secretary's report from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, be referred to Committee on Legislation

And that the communication from Ontario, concerning Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge, be left in the hands of the Standing Committee of this Grand Lodge to appoint a Grand Representative, if they can find one willing to go at his own expense.

B. W. SHILES,
R. ROBERTS,
W. D. McKILLICAN.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, and carried.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 8.30, p. m., this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at 8.30, p.m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

The Grand Marshal was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in attendance, and the G. L. Degree was conferred on

G. Williams, of No. 1,
M. Young, of No. 2.

The hour for nomination of Officers having arrived, the following Past Grands were nominated:

FOR M. W. GRAND MASTER.

J. Wriglesworth, Rep. of No. 4,
Nominated by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1.

FOR R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

B. W. Shiles, Rep. of No. 3,
Nominated by Rep. Jeffree, P.G.M., of No. 2.

FOR R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

H. Waller, Rep. of No. 2,
Nominated by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1.

FOR R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

J. D. Robinson, Rep. of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. Phillips, of No. 1.

FOR R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

W. D. McKillican, Rep. of No. 4,
Nominated by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2.
J. Davies, Rep. of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. Goode, of No. 4.

The Grand Master appointed as tellers Rep. Fawcett, of No. 2, and Rep. Read, of No. 1.

ELECTION.

The following officers were declared elected by acclamation:

J. Wriglesworth, ...Grand Master,
B. W. Shiles, ...Deputy Grand Master,
H. Waller, ...Grand Warden,
J. D. Robinson, ...Grand Secretary.

For Grand Treasurer 31 votes cast:

W. D. McKillican received 10 votes,
J. Davies " 21 "

J. Davies having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer.

Report read from majority of Committee on Legislation, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the Circular from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, which states "that a revision of the Subordinate Degrees and their reduction from five to three degrees, would be more impressive, attractive and effective"; also, that "the work in the Subordinate Lodges be done in the highest Subordinate Degree"; and further, "that a careful consideration of this important matter" is asked of this R. W. Grand Lodge. Your Committee having carefully examined the subject contained in the Circular, submit the following:

"Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge fully agree with the resolutions as contained in the Circular from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, dated St. Louis, Sept 1st, 1879, and in the event of this Grand Lodge not being represented at the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, it would be pleased to have the R. W. Grand Representative from Missouri to state that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia are in favor of the proposed changes.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
H. WALLER,
A. PHILLIPS,
F. CARNE.

Also minority report from same Committee, as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., February 9th, 188[illegible].

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Legislation have considered the Circular from the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, respecting the advisability of adopting three degrees instead of five, and dated St. Louis, Sept 1st, 1879, and we are of opinion that it would be unadvisable to recommend such alteration at the present time.

C. TODD.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, That both reports be laid over for one year. Seconded by Rep. Sears, of No. 2.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the majority report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Anderson, of No. 1.

On the amendment being put it was lost, and the original motion was put to vote and carried.

Report read from Special Committee on Benefits, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of Benefits for Subordinate Lodges, and the notice of motion laid over from last session, beg to submit the following: That in view of the fact that the matter of Benefits

has been for years a vexed question in the Order, and that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has from time to time postponed legislation on this subject, we are of opinion that the notice of motion of Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, that the addenda to Sec. 2, Article 4, of the Constitution of Subordinates, be adopted, viz:

"Provided alway that such benefits shall not exceed the rate of $10 per week for each dollar of monthly contributions, and provided always that no Lodge shall continue to pay the above rates of benefits for a longer period than six months continuous sickness, after which time it shall not exceed the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents for each dollar of monthly contribution. And further, that after the expiration of twelve months continuous sickness no Lodge shall pay greater benefits than at the rate of $5.00 per week for each dollar of monthly contribution.'

With the following added thereto:

For members not having the Scarlet Degree the benefits shall not exceed the rate of $6.00 per week for the first six months, $4.50 per week for the next six months, and after which $3.00 per week during term of sickness, for each dollar of monthly contribution.

In all cases where a sick member has received any benefits, and by reason of the recovery of his health ceased to receive such benefits, he shall not be entitled to recommence the receipt of full benefits until he has been able to resume his business or occupation for six months, commencing from the day of his ceasing to receive benefits; but if he fall sick within that time he shall be placed in the same position as when he ceased to receive benefits and be paid the same benefits as he was then receiving; but when six months shall have elapsed after his restoration, if he fall sick he shall receive his full benefits.

Benefits shall not commence until after a Brother has been sick one week.

THOS. J. PARTRIDGE,
H. WALLER,
B. W. SHILES,
W. D. McKILLICAN,
W. J. JEFFREE,
JOSHUA DAVIES,
C. TODD.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Fawcett, of No. 2.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, That the last clause of the report be struck out, and the report as amended be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Phillips, of No. 1.

The amendment was put and carried.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, That the Grand Lodge adjourn until 7.30, p. m., to-morrow. Seconded by Rep. Phillips, of No. 1, and carried.

SECOND DAY.

VICTORIA, 10th February, 1880.

The Grand Lodge met this evening at 7.30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Grand Master.

PRESENT:

C. Gowen	M. W. Grand Master.
J. Wriglesworth	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
R. Roberts, (*pro tem.*)	R. W. Grand Warden
J. D. Robinson	R. W. Grand Secretary.
H. Waller	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
M. J. Goode	W. Grand Marshal.
W. F. Archibald	W. Grand Guardian.
Joseph Sears	W. Grand Herald.
Thos. J Partridge	W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

Minutes of previous days session read and on motion approved.

Moved by Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, That the Grand Lodge at its rising to-night do stand adjourned *sine die*. Seconded by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

Report read from Special Committee on Resolutions of Condolence, as follows:

To the R W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

DEAR BROTHERS,—Your Committee appointed to draft resolutions in the matter of the decease of our beloved Brother J. P. Davies, P.G.M. of this Grand Lodge, submit the following:

1st. That in the removal from our midst by death on the 20th September 1879, we have to mourn the loss of a zealous and devoted member of this Grand Lodge Therefore be it

Resolved, That we mourn the loss of our Brother, whose friendship, his many virtues and devotedne s to the principles of our Order, had endeared him to hearts of all who knew him. By his death we have lost a respected Brother and the Order a valuable and faithful worker

Resolved, That we bow in submission to the decrees of Providence, and tender to the bereaved family of our deceased Brother our heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow and affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the Records of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a Memorial Tablet be inserted in the Proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge.

JOHN WEILER,
R. ROBERTS,
W. J. JEFFREE.

Moved by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1, That the report be received and adopted. Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Finance recommending tax on Subordinates, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that the estimated Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1880, is as follows:

Balance on hand	$168 00
75 cents Capita Tax on 500 members	375 00
Profit on sales	20 00
Sale of goods	30 00
Amounts due	40 00
	$633 00

EXPENDITURE.

Salary and Rent	$250 00	
Stationery	10 00	
Mileage	20 00	
Janitor	10 00	
Printing	100 00	
Sundries	25 00	
Fitting up new office	50 00	
		$465 00
		$168 00

We, therefore, recommend that an assessment of 50 cents per capita and 25 cents per capita, payable on 30th June and 31st December, respectively be levied on Subordinates.

W. J. JEFFREE,
W. D. McKILLICAN,
B. W. SHILES.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, gave notice of motion to extend the term of Subordinates from 6 to 12 months.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, of No. 3, That the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge be held in New Westminster. Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4. On being put to the vote was lost.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to the D. D. G. M. of No. 3, that unless the returns and tax be forwarded at once, their charter is liable to be withdrawn. Seconded by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, That the Grand Lodge officers form a Library Committee. Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, That a new petition be sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to exempt us from paying tax until we have ten Subordinate Lodges. Seconded by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1, and carried.

INSTALLATION.

J. Wriglesworth was presented by J. Weiler, P.M.G., and W. J. Jeffree, P.M.G., and duly installed as Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master then installed into office the following:

B. W. Shiles.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. Waller.....R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson .....R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Davies .....R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following officers, which were on motion approved and installed in office, viz:

W. D. McKillican.....W. Grand Marshal.
J. Sears.....W. Grand Guardian.
W. F. Archibald.....W. Grand Conductor.
E. Fletcher .....W. Grand Herald.
F. Carne .....W. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

W. J. Jeffree, P.G.M., of No. 2,
G. W. Anderson, of No. 1, C. N. Trew, of No. 3,
E. Fletcher, of No. 4, J. Sehl, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

C. Gowen, P.G.M., of No. 1,
J. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2,
C. Todd, of No. 4, W. F. Archibald, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

F. Carne, of No. 1,
J. M. Read, of No. 1, M. J. Goode, of No. 4,
J. Sears, of No. 2, M. Humber, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

R. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1,
D. Dale, of No. 1, F. Norris, of No. 2,
T. J. Partridge, of No. 1, E. Fletcher, of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

J. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1,
A. Phillips, of No. 1, W. D. McKillican, of No.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

R. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1,
C. Todd, of No. 4, W.J.Jeffree, P.G.M., of No.
H. Elliott, of No. 3, R. W. Fawcett, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Grand Secretary,
Grand Treasurer, J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2.

and the following District Deputy Grand Masters:

For District No. 1, ... G. W. Anderson,
" District No. 2, ... W. McColl,
" District No. 3, ... J. W. Brunten.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, That the appointments of the Grand Master be approved. Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Waller, of No. 2, as Grand Instructor, which was on motion confirmed.

Moved by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, That a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring Grand Master for the manner in which the business of the session has been conducted. Seconded by Rep. Jeffree, P.G.M., of No. 2, and carried.

Minutes of the day were then read, and on motion approved.

The Grand Chaplain being called upon offered up closing prayer, and the Grand Lodge was declared closed *sine die*.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF THE I.O. OF O.F. BRITISH COLUMBIA.
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INST^D APRIL 25^TH A.D. 1874.

ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., commencing 1st January, 1879, and ending 30th June, 1879.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership	Rejected.	Number in good stand'g.	Revenue.
Victoria	1	Victo	Monday	2			1					2		171	1548 71
Columbia	2	Do.	Wednesday	5		2			2			4		128	1312 53
New Westm'ster.	3	New Westminster	Thursday		1	1			1			1		69	494 00
Dominion	4	Victoria	Thursday	5		1					1	2		74	638 00
Black Diamond	5	Nanaimo	Saturday	3	1								1	61	541 50
				15	2	4	1		3		1	9	1	503	$4534 74

ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., commencing 1st July, 1879, and ending 31st December, 1879.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated to Active Membership.	Reinstated to Dormant Membership	Withdrawn by Card.	Deceased.	Suspended for Cause.	Expelled.	Suspended from Active to Dormant Membership	Rejected.	Number in good stand'g.	Revenue.
Victoria	1	Victoria	Monday	9			51		1			1		178	2693 59
Columbia	2	Do.	Wednesday	6			39		3			4		127	1404 00
New Westm'ster.	3	New Westminster	Thursday	2			7	1						70	563 50
Dominion	4	Victoria	Thursday	2	1		16	1				2		74	489 70
Black Diamond	5	Nanaimo	Saturday		2		9	1				2	1	60	480 00
				19	3		122	3	4			9	1	509	$5630 79

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinate Lodges, I.O.O.F., of British Columbia, for the term commencing 1st January, 1880.

Lodge.	No.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary.	Treasurer.	Perm'nt Secretary.
Victoria	1	Michael Hart	Wm. Irvine	Fred'k Davey	John Weiler, P.G.	Fred'k Davey.
Columbia	2	John Partridge	Wm. J. Pendray	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	H. Waller, P.G.	Joseph Sears, P. G.
New Westminster	3	John A. Calbick	Robt. Thomas	Thos. L. Scott	B. W. Shiles	
Dominion	4	Wm. Leigh	Jas. Jackson	E. C. Neufelder	W.D.McKillican, P G	E. C. Neufelder.
Black Diamond	5	Mark Bate	J. McNeil	J. Hemner	W. Wilks	

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1879, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Number of Lodges	5
" Initiated	34
" Admitted by Card and as Ancient Odd Fellow	5
" Reinstated to Active membership	4
" Reinstated to Dormant membership	122
" Withdrawn by Card	4
" Suspended for Cause	0
" Expelled	1
" Deceased	7
" Suspended from Active to Dormant membership	18
" Active Members	509
" Of Brothers relieved	66
" Of Widowed families relieved	1

Amount paid for relief of Brothers	$ 3,528 00
" " Widowed families	100 00
" for Education of Orphans	
" for Burying the Dead	519 00
" for Special Relief	
Total Relief	$ 4,147 00
Amount of annual receipts	$10,165 53
" current expenses of Lodges	3,833 49
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	297

In Memoriam.

PAST GRAND MASTER

J. P. DAVIES,

MEMBER OF COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2,

—AND WHO—

Died at Victoria, British Columbia,

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1879.

The Members of this Grand Lodge mourn the death of Past Grand Master J. P. Davies, he being one of the oldest and most zealous Members of this Grand Body, and fully appreciate the valuable services he has rendered the Order in this Province during the many years he was connected with its interests.

ADDRESSES

OF THE

Officers R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

J. WRIGLESWORTH	M. W. GRAND MASTER	Victoria.
B. W. SHILES	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	New Westminster.
H. WALLER	R. W. GRAND WARDEN	Victoria.
J. D. ROBINSON	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY	"
J. DAVIES	R. W. GRAND TREASURER	"
W. D. McKILLICAN	W. GRAND MARSHALL	"
J. SEARS	W. GRAND GUARDIAN	"
W. F. ARCHIBALD	W. GRAND CONDUCTOR	"
E. FLETCHER	W. GRAND HERALD	"
F. CARNE	W. GRAND CHAPLAIN	"

The next Session will be held at Victoria on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1881.

Past Grand Masters.

J. S. DRUMMOND	Victoria
J. WEILER	"
J. P. DAVIES	"
R. ROBERTS	"
W. J. JEFFREE	"
C. GOWEN	"

Prices of Supplies.

Charter Fee	$30
Charge Books	3
Degree Books	3
Degree of Rebekah Books	3
Institution Books	3
Cards	
Books of Forms	
Books of Odes (with music)	
White's Digest, 1874	
Odes	
Order Books on Treasurer	
Receipt Books for Dues	
Roll Books	
Diplomas	
Initiation Petitions, per 100	